

IS-630—INTRODUCTION TO THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROCESS
FEMA Public Assistance Program Interactive Web Course Test

This exam requires that you fill in an answer sheet and provide personal information. If you need assistance in taking this exam, please contact the Section 508 Point of Contact at 301-447-1407 located at the Emergency Management Institute. The exam is provided to you should you wish to prepare before taking it.

This is a 15-item, multiple-choice test. You will first hear an objectives statement to let you know what skill or knowledge is being tested. You will next hear a test question and four possible answers. Only one is correct.

Objective: To state the purpose of the Public Assistance Program.

1. The Public Assistance Program:

- a. Awards grants to individuals for temporary housing in publicly owned facilities.
 - b. Awards grants to State and local governments and certain private nonprofit entities to help with the response and recovery process.
 - c. Awards grants to the business community to help rejuvenate economic development following a disaster.
 - d. Awards grants to private nonprofit universities and colleges to promote research in mitigation measures that will lesson impacts of future disasters.
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Objective: To describe the Presidential disaster declaration process.

2. Which of the following individuals requests Federal disaster assistance?

- a. The local emergency manager
- b. The Governor
- c. FEMA Regional Public Assistance staff
- d. The Congressional District Representative

3. Which of the following individuals decides if a county will be declared eligible for Federal disaster assistance?

- a. The Governor
 - b. The FEMA Regional Director
 - c. The FEMA Director
 - d. The President
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Objective: To describe the major components of the Public Assistance process.

4. The Request for Public Assistance is:

- a. The form completed by the Governor to request a disaster declaration.

- b. The form completed to request that additional areas be added to a disaster declaration.
 - c. The form used to officially state an applicant's intention to apply for disaster assistance through the Public Assistance Program.
 - d. The form used by FEMA and State teams to validate the information contained in the Preliminary Damage Assessment.
5. The goal of the Kickoff Meeting is to:
- a. Provide the Governor with the information needed to complete the request for a disaster declaration.
 - b. Prepare FEMA and State teams to conduct Preliminary Damage Assessments to determine if counties are eligible for disaster assistance.
 - c. Ensure that the applicant has the information necessary to identify and complete a Public Assistance project.
 - d. Assess the proposed engineering approaches and plans for implementing an approved Public Assistance project.
6. Project Formulation involves:
- a. Completing documentation to establish that the applicant's project meets the Public Assistance eligibility criteria.
 - b. Identifying applicants that have potential Public Assistance needs that could be met through the Public Assistance Program.
 - c. Developing an action plan for FEMA and State officials to use in managing the Public Assistance Program.
 - d. Creating an overall budget for Public Assistance projects covering all eligible applicants being funded under the current disaster declaration.
7. Applicants complete Project Worksheets to:
- a. Prove that the work required was a direct result of the disaster.
 - b. Help FEMA determine which projects to combine into a single, large project.
 - c. Provide FEMA with a detailed scope of work and an accurate cost estimate for each project.
 - d. Provide documentation for potential funding from other Federal agencies.
8. The purpose of Small Project Validation is to:
- a. Verify that a private nonprofit applicant's total revenues are under a certain dollar threshold.
 - b. Make sure that only eligible applicants are invited to the Applicants' Briefing.
 - c. Determine if the total square footage of the project site is under a certain size threshold.
 - d. Validate that project costs are eligible and that scopes of work and cost estimates are complete and accurate.

Objective: To identify the roles assumed by key players in the Public Assistance process.

9. Who is responsible for conducting one or more Applicants' Briefings for potential Public Assistance applicants?

- a. **FEMA**
- b. **The State**
- c. **The county**
- d. **The business community**

10. Who completes the recovery actions and accounts to the State for the use of Public Assistance grant funds?

- a. **The applicant**
- b. **The Public Assistance Coordinator**
- c. **The recovery contractors**
- d. **The FEMA Inspector General**

11. One of the Public Assistance Coordinator's key responsibilities is to:

- a. **Administer project grants on large projects on a day-to-day basis.**
- b. **Report to the State on how well the applicant is proceeding on a project.**
- c. **Coordinate with the State as necessary to resolve problems.**
- d. **Advise the Governor about the magnitude of damage to public facilities.**

Objective: To describe the four building blocks of Public Assistance Program eligibility.

12. Which of the following applicants is eligible for Public Assistance?

- a. **The local gas station and convenience store**
- b. **A religious house of worship**
- c. **A private recreation club with exclusive membership**
- d. **A nonprofit organization that provides custodial care services for the elderly**

13. An eligible facility under Public Assistance:

- a. **May be located anywhere within the State that has been declared.**
- b. **Must be ineligible for bank loans to cover disaster damage.**
- c. **Must be rendered completely inoperable by the disaster.**
- d. **Must be open to the public and in active use at the time of the disaster.**

14. Which of the following illustrates eligible work under the PA program?

- a. **Permanent repair to an interstate highway bridge maintained using Federal highway funds.**
- b. **Permanent repair to a privately owned dam that was breached by floodwaters.**
- c. **Permanent repair of a State highway that was damaged by flooding.**

- d. Construction of a new flood control structure.**

15. Which of the following illustrates eligible costs under the PA program?

- a. Costs that are covered by insurance proceeds**
 - b. Costs deemed reasonable and necessary to accomplish the work**
 - c. Markups above regular, nondisaster, customary prices for equipment rental**
 - d. Costs for equipment that eligible applicants can justify but that is not related to eligible work**
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